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## PRESS NOTIFICATION

**TO:** Press/Media Organizations

**FROM:** Maria E. Elkins, Clerk of Court

United States District Court, Middle District of Pennsylvania

**DATE:** January 8, 2015

**RE:** Wallace et al vs. Powell, et al

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Jury selection will begin on January 12, 2015 in the case of *Wallace, et al vs. Powell, et al.* The trial will be held in the Max Rosenn United States Courthouse, Wilkes-Barre, PA beginning on January 12, or soon thereafter as the jury selection is completed.

Because of the media attention surrounding the previous trial, the Court has decided to reserve a section of the courtroom for the media during the trial. Anyone who is interested in obtaining access to the reserved area must apply in advance to Kevin Calpin, Operations Manager at (570) 207-5601, for a press pass.

Although the press pass will enable the holder of the pass to gain access to the media section, the seating will not be specifically assigned or reserved. No one without a pass will be admitted into the media area, but a press pass will not guarantee a seat in that section. Seating in the section will be on a first-come basis each day. When the section is filled, members of the media may sit with the general public. There is also a maximum seating capacity for the courtroom that cannot be exceeded for safety and security reasons.

Cameras of any kind (including camera telephones, laptop computer cameras), video cameras of any kind (including video telephones and video connected to laptop computers), and audio devices of any kind are PROHIBITED in the courtroom. Cellular phones, Blackberries, computers or other electronic devices are NOT PERMITTED in the courtroom.